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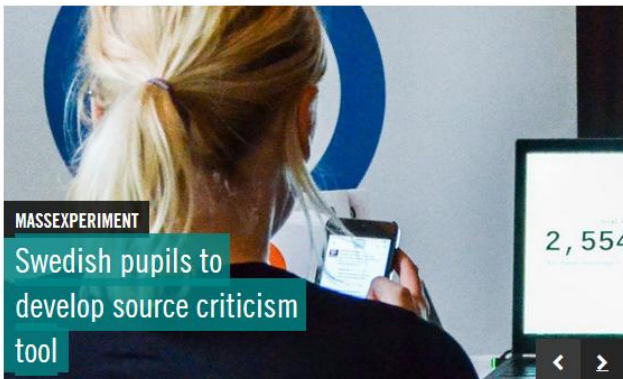
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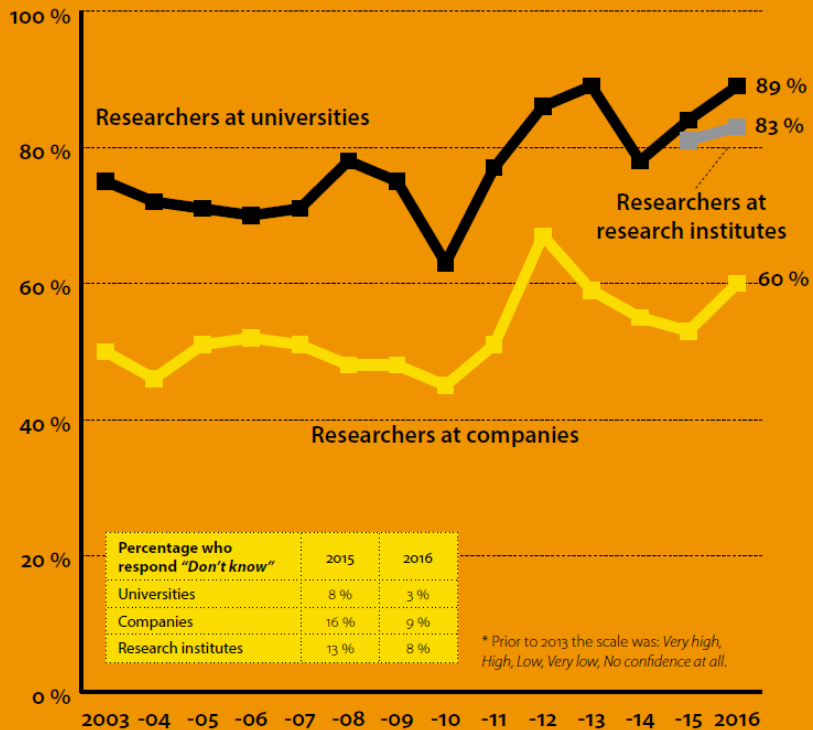
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The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2016



Autophagy – recycling in cells

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine is awarded to Yoshinori Ohsumi for his discoveries of mechanisms for autophagy.

Autophagy, or "self-eating", is taking place inside all cells. Autophagy is a fundamental process for degrading and recycling cellular components, and it used to eliminate damaged proteins and organelles. Autophagy can rapidly provide fuel to maintain the cellular energy supply and building blocks for renewal of cellular components. Autophagy is essential for the cellular response to starvation and other types of stress. Yoshinori Ohsumi identified essential genes and elucidated the underlying mechanisms for autophagy.

Initiation of autophagy
Stress signals initiate autophagy. A small vesicle expands to form a double-layered membrane.

Formation of autophagosomes
Cellular content selected for destruction is enclosed in the membrane, forming a sack-like vesicle called "autophagosome".

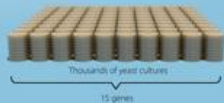
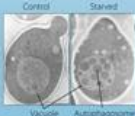
Transport to the lysosome
The autophagosome is transported to a recycling compartment, called the "lysosome". Lysosomes contain enzymes for degradation of biological material.

Degradation and recycling

After fusing with the lysosome, the cargo of the autophagosome is destroyed, and the degraded material becomes available for renewal of cellular components, or it can be used as fuel for energy derivation.

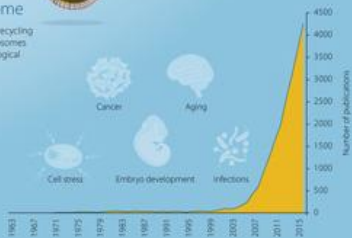
Autophagy is a central function inside cells

During the 1960s researchers first observed that the cell could destroy its own contents by enclosing it in vesicles that were transported to the lysosome for degradation. Little was known until Yoshinori Ohsumi in the early 1990s used baker's yeast to study autophagy.



Groundbreaking experiments

Yeast cells are relatively easy to study and are often used as a model for human cells. Ohsumi used yeast lacking degradation enzymes in the "vacuole", the yeast cell's "lysosome". Autophagy was induced by starving the cells and when degradation was blocked, autophagosomes accumulated inside the vacuole (left images). This provided a simple way to study autophagy. Ohsumi then screened thousands of yeast mutants and identified 15 autophagy genes (right images). His further studies revealed the molecular machinery underlying autophagosome formation.



Autophagy in health and disease

Ohsumi's initial breakthrough was published in 1992. Since then, the research field has expanded dramatically. We now know that autophagy controls many physiological functions. For example, autophagy can eliminate invading intracellular bacteria and viruses. Cells use autophagy to degrade damaged proteins and organelles, a quality control mechanism that is critical for counteracting negative consequences of aging. Disrupted autophagy is associated with many diseases, including cancer, type 2 diabetes and age-associated neurodegeneration.



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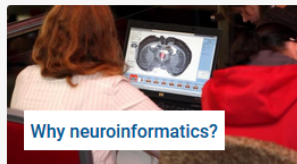
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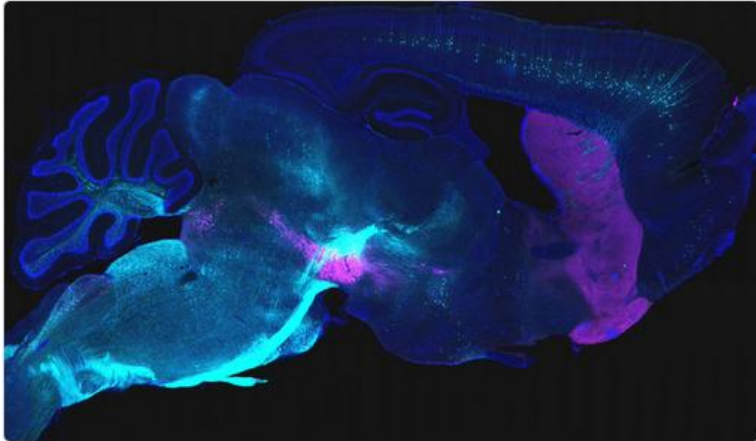
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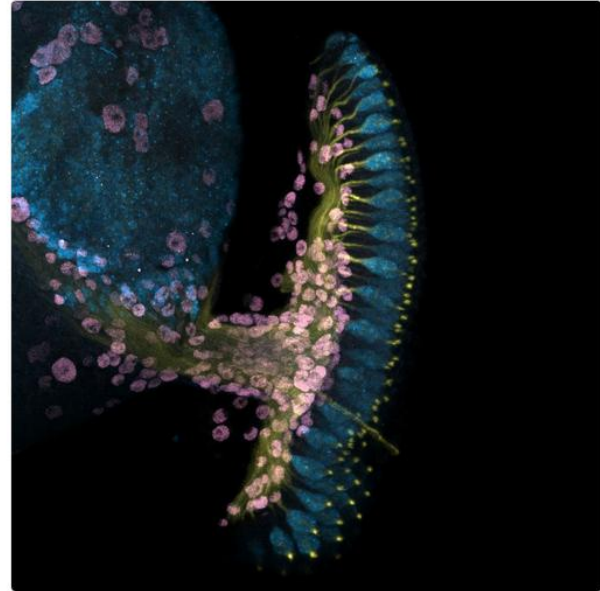
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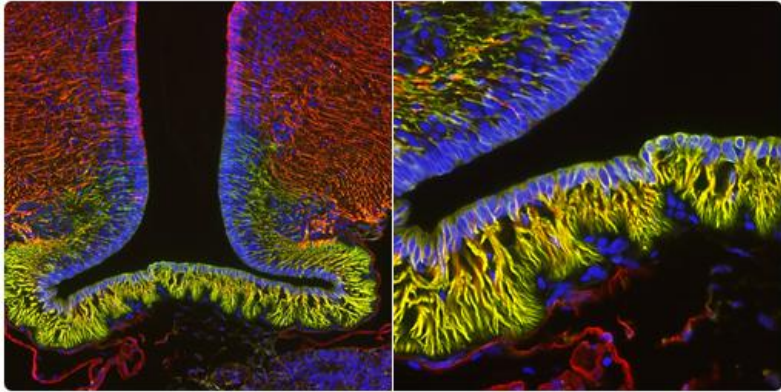


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Rebecko @leopardrebecko · Jul 20

Ventricular lining cells of the gecko hypothalamus are so pretty I had to post a #cellfie



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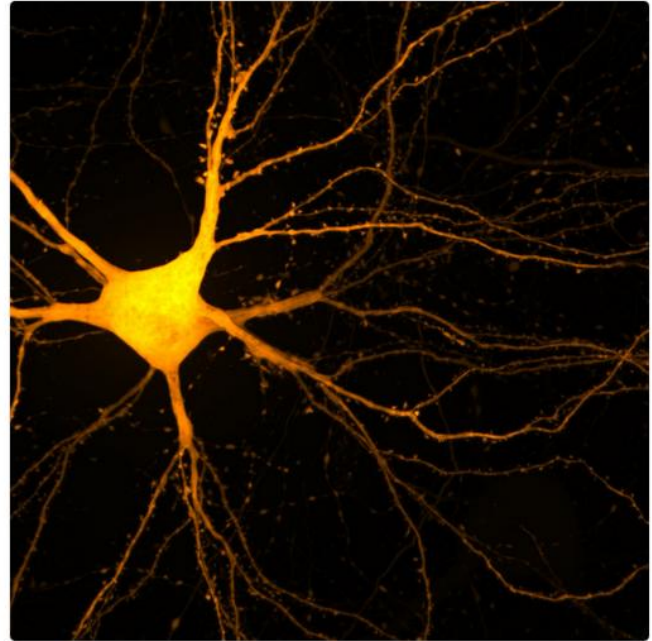


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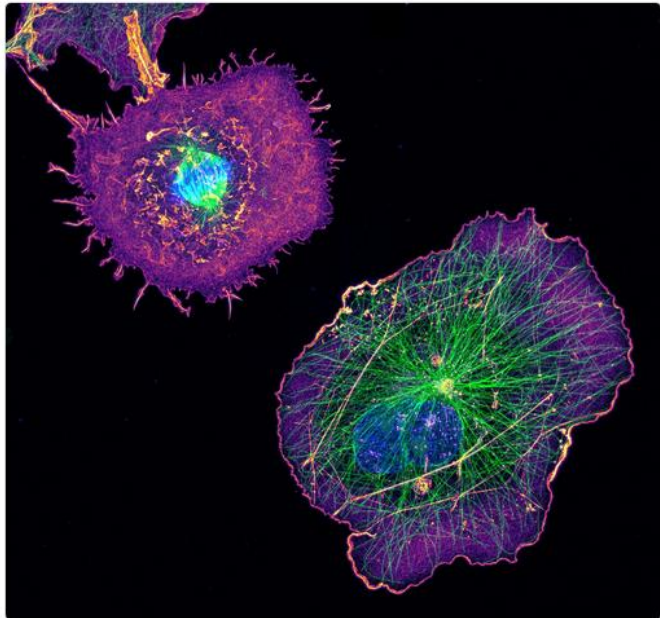




Christophe Leterrier @christlet · Jul 22

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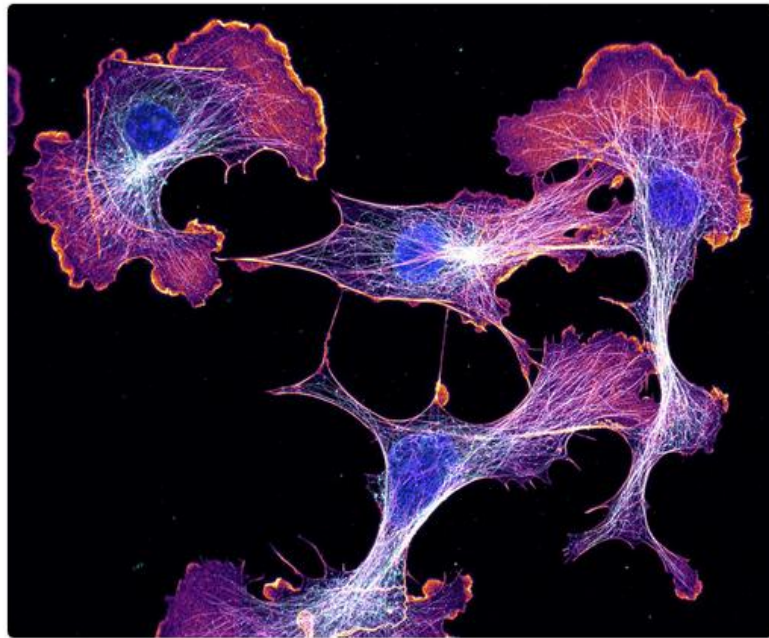


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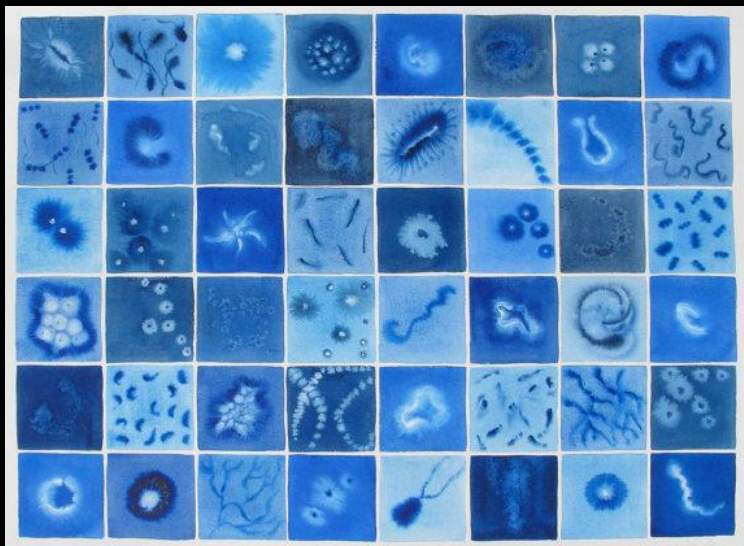
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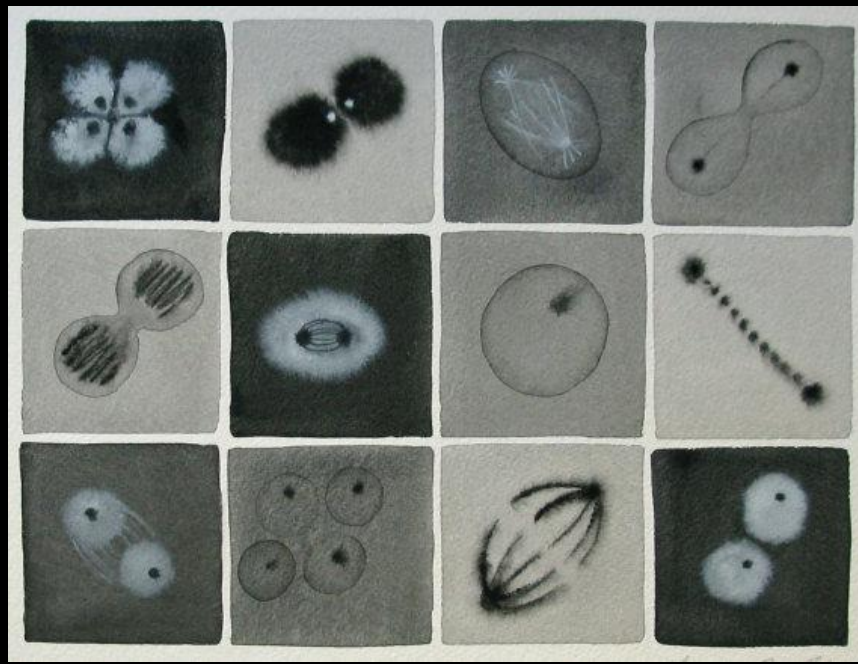
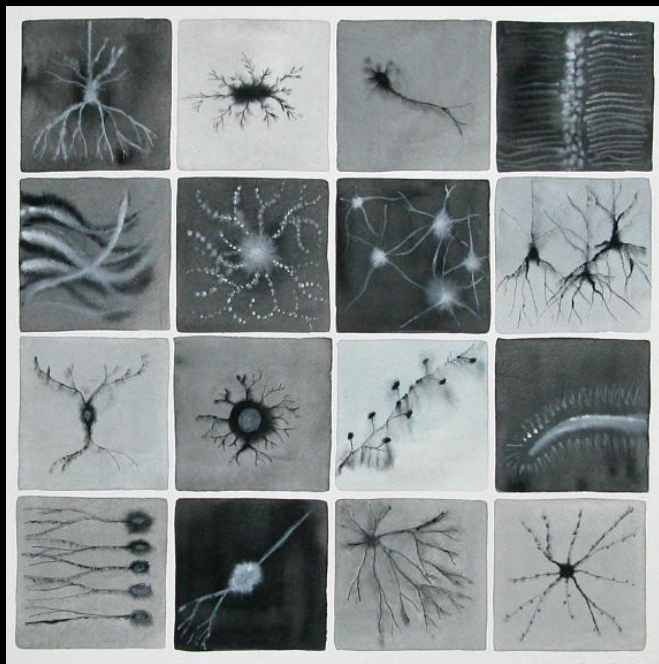
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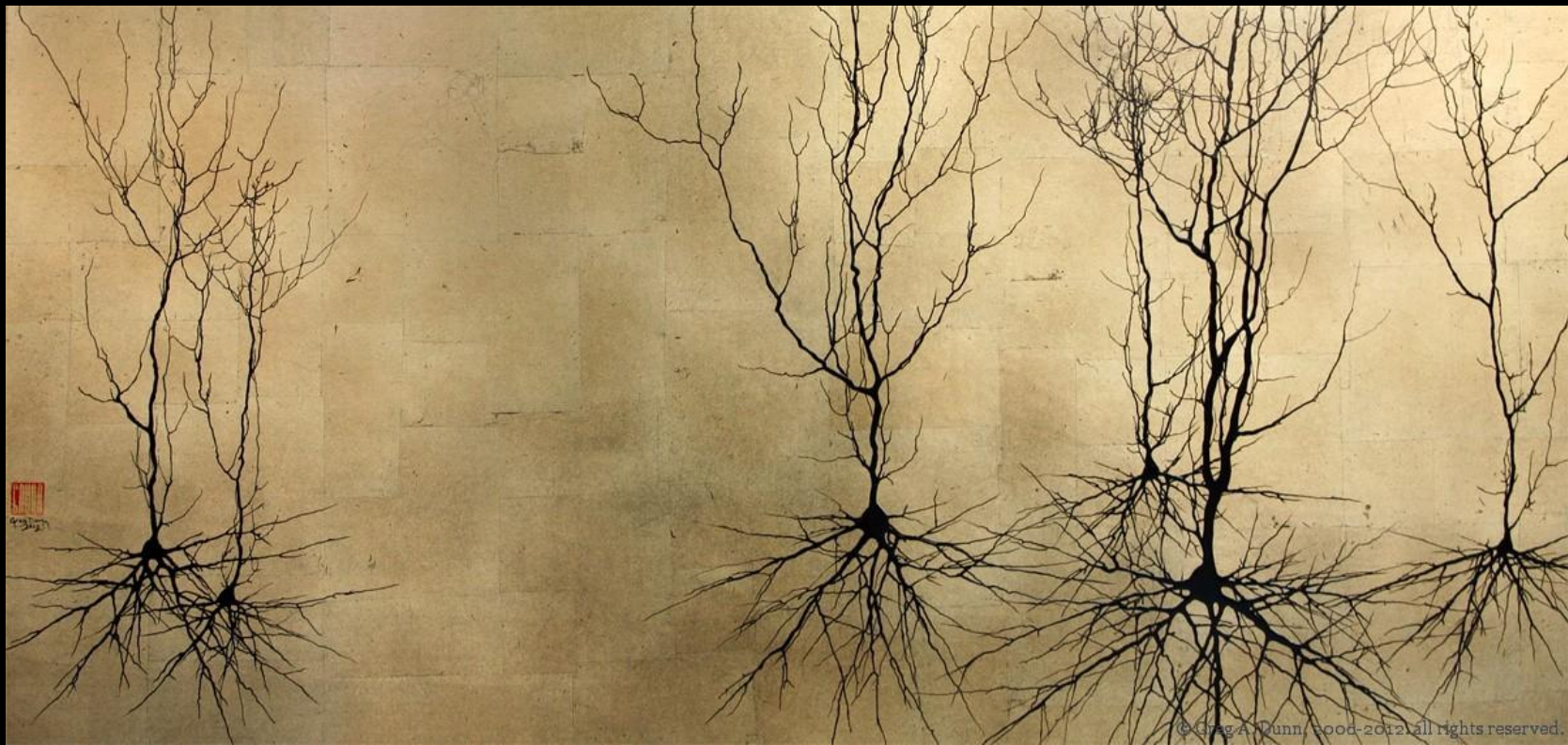


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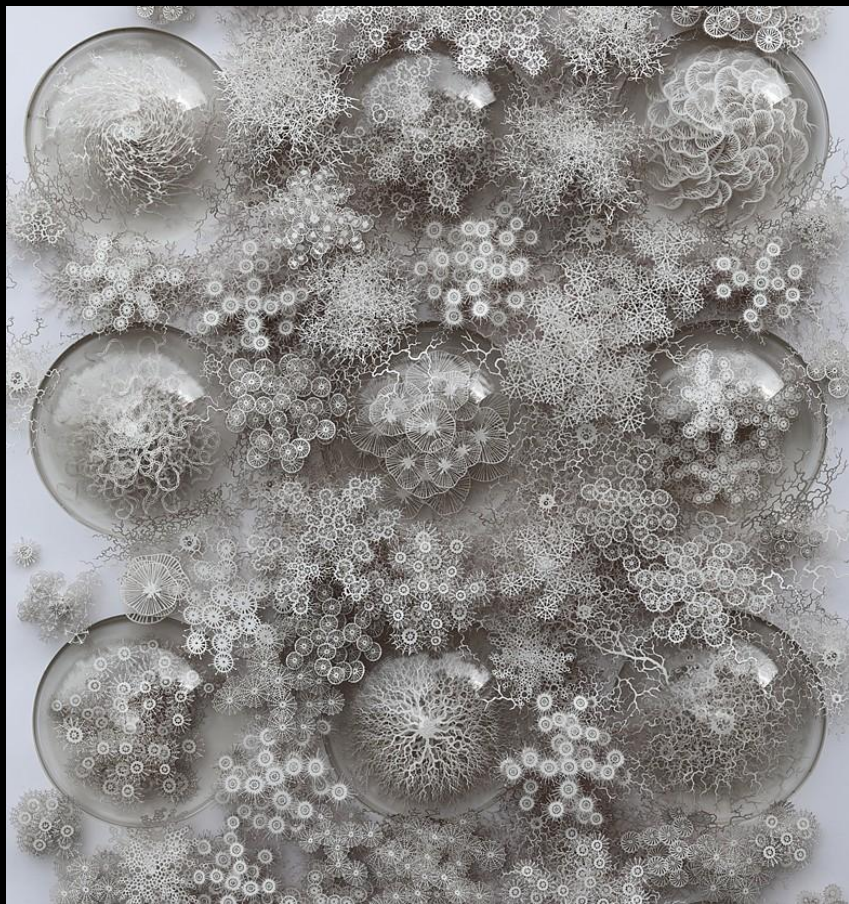
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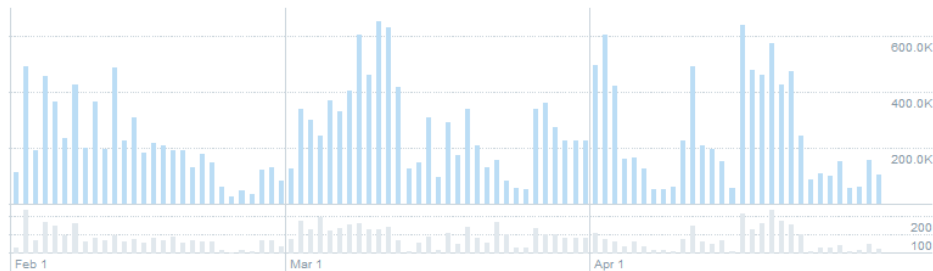
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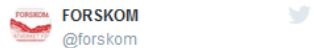
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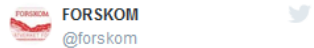
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- Alan Alda

tl;dr

Effective science communication is a two-way street.

- Helena Ledmyr